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SUBJECT: CIVAIR

WEEKLY "AIR PRESS" OF SEPTEMBER 4 CARRIES FOLLOWING ITEM:
QUOTE - ITALIAN-US AGREEMENT IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

CONVERSATIONS ON A NEW AIR TRAFFIC AGREEMENT WITH US HAVE ALREADY ENTERED IN THEIR FINAL PHASE AND WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS MAY WELL HAVE THEIR FINAL DEVELOPMENTS. THIS IS THE RESPONSE OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GASPARI TO A QUESTION BY "AIR PRESS" WHICH INTERVIEWED HIM ON ITALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE MINISTER UNDERLINED THAT TODAY CONDITIONS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE WHICH PREVAILED WHEN, 20 YEARS AGO, IN THE IMMEDIATE POST-WAR PERIOD THE FORMER US-ITALAIN CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. WE ARE DEFENDING OUR INTERESTS, HE SAID, AND IT IS PERHAPS THE FIRST TIME THAT A NATION HAS SAID NO TO A WELL-ESTABLISHED AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION POLICY BASED ON A CERTAIN SYSTEM OF THEIR OWN INTERNAL USAGE. MINISTER GASPARI FURTHERMORE ANNOUNCED A MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH THE US SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION VOLPE. -END QUOTE.
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